

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AND EVIDENTIARY HEARING

D.T.E. 98-95

D.T.E. 99-82

Petitions of Colonial Gas Company for recovery of lost margins associated with its demand-side management programs.

On September 17, 1998 and September 15, 1999, Colonial Gas Company ("Company") filed petitions with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") proposing the recovery of lost margins for the periods May, 1997 through April, 1998 and May, 1998 through April, 1999, respectively, associated with its demand-side management ("DSM") programs. Copies of the Company's proposals are on file at the Department and may be examined during regular business hours.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments and evidentiary hearing on the Company's proposals on Wednesday, January 26, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department's offices, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Hearing Room A, Boston, MA.

Any person seeking to intervene or participate in this investigation must file an original and five copies of a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in this proceeding no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on January 19, 2000 with:

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

A petition to intervene or participate must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department -- not mailing -- constitutes filing and determines whether a petition is timely filed. A late-filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver of the seven-day rule under 220 C.M.R.

§ 1.01 (4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10. Copies of all documents that are filed with the Department, including letters, pleadings and briefs, but excluding discovery, must also be provided electronically, by one or two means: (a) e-mail attachment to Kimberly.Tran@state.ma.us (305-3768) using a program compatible with WordPerfect, naming the document file with a .wpd suffix and identifying in the e-mail the case caption, docket number, party and title of document; or (b) diskette in a program compatible with WordPerfect 5.0 or higher, again identifying on the diskette the case caption, docket number, party and title of pleading.

ORDER OF NOTICE

D.T.E. 98-95 December 24, 1999

Colonial Gas Company shall, no later fourteen (14) days prior to January 26, 2000, give notice of said hearing by publication hereof in the Boston Globe, the Cape Cod Times, and the Lowell Sun, serve a copy of the notice on the Chairmen, Board of Selectmen, Mayors, Town Clerks and City Clerks of the cities and towns in the Company's service area, post a copy of the notice in each city or town hall in the Company's service area until the intervention deadline has expired, provide actual notice to any person who has filed a request for notice with the Company, and provide a copy of this notice to all intervenors in the Company's most recent DSM proceeding.

Colonial Gas Company is also required to make return of service and publication to the Department at the public hearing.

By Order of the Department,

MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY

TO: Rebecca Hanson

George Yiankos

Daniel Strout

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FROM: Peter M. Palica

DATE: December 22, 1999

RE: Colonial Gas Company, D.T.E. 98-95 and D.T.E. 99-82

Please review attached draft Notice of Public and Evidentiary Hearing and Order of Notice for the above-referenced proceeding. I note that Serhat will be out until early January and cannot concur in this schedule. I further note that the dates proposed herein

are subject to reservation of a hearing room which I could not do at the time this draft was prepared due to a computer system problem with this program.

Since I will be out the week of December 27-31, your concurrence in this draft in time to permit issuance on or before December 24, 1999 will be appreciated.

December 24, 1999

Ann Leary, Director of Rates

Colonial Gas Company

c/o Bostongas

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John L. Griffin, Vice President of Rates

Colonial Gas Company

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RE: Colonial Gas Company, D.T.E. 98-95 and D.T.E. 99-82,

Recovery of Lost Margins Associated with Demand-Side Management Programs

Ladies/Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find an Order of Notice and Notice of Public and Evidentiary Hearing in connection with your filings dated September 17, 1998 and September 15, 1999 for the above-referenced dockets. These cases are being consolidated for your publication and service of notices in accordance with the enclosed Order of Notice as well as for the scheduled public and evidentiary hearing to be held at the offices of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy on Wednesday, January 26, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in Hearing Room A.

Please contact the undersigned at (617) 305-3750 in the event that you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Peter M. Palica

Hearing Officer

Enclosures/as specified

cc: Rebecca Perez, Assistant Attorney General

Mary Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunication and Energy
Staff